

RESOLUTION NUMBER 134
WILLIAM FRANKLIN

WHEREAS, William Franklin has distinguished himself as an outstanding student and athlete demonstrating his strong commitment to his education; and

WHEREAS, William Franklin is a longtime and active resident of the 21st Ward. He is very active in the Community of St. Louis and has a history of volunteer work with The Demetrious Johnson Charitable Foundation and HOT 104.1; and

WHEREAS, William Franklin is the son of William Franklin, Sr. and Tejauna Roach. He is the nephew of former standout NFL wide receiver Darnay Scott whom he credits with inspiring him to pursue football. His academic interest lies in sports management; and

WHEREAS, William during high school held the honor of being ranked as the No. 8 overall prospect in Missouri by Rivals.com after a senior season that saw him grab 37 passes for 907 yards and 17 touchdowns as Vashon claimed the Class 4A district title. His high school career was excellent; and

WHEREAS, William earned all-state, all-metro and all-league honors as a senior. As a sophomore at Beaumont, William had 367 yards receiving and 9 touchdowns and added 4 interceptions on defense as he was named all-league; and

WHEREAS, William was also a solid basketball player who lettered in that sport at Beaumont and Vashon and was given the nickname of “Helicopter” by his friends for his high-flying aerial antics on the court. He had sub-4.5 speed and a vertical jump of around 40 inches; and;

WHEREAS, William was one of only two freshmen to play in the 2004 season at the University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou). During the 2005 season William received accolades as a very exciting receiver who used his rare blend of speed, strength and athleticism to excel at the H-receiver spot as a sophomore. During the 2006 season William became one of the Big 12's most dangerous receiving threats and best play makers from the receiver position. He was named Team Receiver of the Year and Team Metro St. Louis Player of the Year during the 2006 season; and

WHEREAS, William entered the 2007 season as a likely candidate for 1st-Team All Big 12 honors, and an academic contender for national honors as he prepares to graduate from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 2008; and

WHEREAS, This resolution is presented by Alderwoman Bennice Jones-King in conjunction with The Demetrious Johnson Charitable Foundation and HOT 104.1.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, meeting in regular session, that we recognize, congratulate and honor William Franklin for his awesome accomplishments as a scholar athlete and dedication to St. Louis City community, and we further direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced on the 31st day of August, 2007 by:
Honorable Bennice Jones-King, Alderwoman 21st Ward
Adopted this 31st day of August, 2007 as attested by:**

